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Dear Ted,

Thanks for your most recent note (addendum to MM Letter, Jan. 10, 1999) and the copy of your January 16 letter to Rick Sallinger.

I do not doubt that what I am about to say will be nothing new to you. It is my opinion that Sallinger should be handled with caution. He is sly like the fox of Aesop lore, which means to say that his wiles are not perfect, but they *are* "fool proof," and he will not hesitate to use trickery and deceit to get the story (whatever that happens to be¹). Of course, by now my comments will be moot. I imagine the story has been aired. Sallinger called me a couple of days ago. Still sketchy, he asked who was representing you on the appeal. I claimed to know nothing about your legal plans. I then tried to direct his attention to Mello's discussion of the case. He has not, to date, called Mello.

Some of your advice to Sallinger, vis-à-vis Waits and the FBI, is similar to the sort of directions I gave Michael Ulveman. He came to visit this past weekend. Ulveman is yet another reporter, and all of the caveats apply, but I think he would not hesitate to tell the truth. He is interested in the FBI's procedures, the 4th Amendment issues, and the possibility that the government's actions were generally out of whack. I hope you will correspond with him. I hope he is as good as he seems to be, and I suppose caution is required on all fronts. Also: he plans to visit Montana later this year.

Derrick Jensen has been in touch. I remember thinking it when I read *Truth versus Lies* (but of course felt shy about commenting so early on in our correspondence); I thought it again when you sent Mello to me (still too shy). But now I say it: You would make a top-notch acquiring editor. I very much enjoyed the five chapters he sent my way, and I asked him for the rest. I see what you mean about his radical side, but really, there is not much there to raise a brow. I think the book is a very poignant reminder that there is more to life than what most people find

¹ another thing he could care less about.

acceptable and "real." And there are many other aspects of human experience to which they have become insensate. I hope the rest of his book lives up to the promise of the proposal.

I received the copy of *Industrial Society and Its Future*. The FBI made a bad copy, or Denvir did, and there is much that is illegible. I could supply you with a list of pages that are too dark to read. The FBI has no interest in providing a good copy. But if we are to follow through with this project, a good copy will be necessary. Denvir did not send a copy of the covering letter you had mentioned.

I look forward to your next letter. All best wishes until then.

Yrs,

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P.S. As of this date, neither the contract nor any comments you may have made thereto have arrived. I assume there may be Bonnie-related delay. By my calculations, it should have arrived no earlier than today, so there's no need for alarm if you have sent it off.

encl: sample from ISIF — N4T copy from FBI.